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Mr. Wellington's Fiasco.

Senator Wellington has shown some capacity for party campaign work, and by reason of his activity has reached his present station at an early age. But it must be said in truth that his debut in the Senate as a party adviser, which was accomplished yesterday, was a dismal failure and a woful disappointment to his friends. That it will injure him is a certainty, but that it is no great matter. The fear is that it may injure his party in Maryland, which is newly invested with power there, and is approaching a campaign this year calculated to test its power even more severely than did the campaign of last year.

What could have induced Mr. Wellington to talk about jingoism when he had no definition for the word? Mr. Pettus' inquiry was entirely in order. The Maryland senator's discourse had shown that he did not know the meaning of the word. Jingoism fits England like a glove. England is a land-grubber, and has a record for bullying and conquering helpless people for their possessions. She has played that game all over the world. But when did the United States ever play that game? Or show any disposition to play it? This country is no swarmer, or blow-beater. No party based upon such a policy could exist here.

And how nonsensical in particular is such talk as applied to the Cuban matter. The people of this country are not seeking to despoil the Cubans, but to assist them. The purpose is to try to save not only the Cuban people, but their possessions for their own enjoyment. The man who calls this jingoism is without sufficient information to address a town meeting on the subject, much less the Senate of the United States.

Was Mr. Wellington instructed by the silence which greeted his remarks as compared with the hearty applause bestowed upon the happy inquiry propounded by Mr. Pettus? The people in the galleries knew, as did the Alabama senator, what constitutes a jingo, and they could not restrain themselves when the Maryland senator's inglorious outburst was thus so effectively punctured.

Maryland is one of the best and proudest of the states. Her people are American to the core. It is to be regretted therefore that on so important a subject and in so august a forum she should have been heard to such disadvantage.

The Hawaiian Problem.

"Kamehameha's" latest letter from Honolulu, printed today, bears out all previous announcements with regard to the gravity of the situation that now confronts the Hawaiian government. Statistics have been printed in the past to show the gradual increase of the Japanese over other races in the islands, but it has remained for the analysis given by the Star's correspondent, which bears the closest scrutiny, to demonstrate that the crisis with the tide of Mongolian immigration inevitably points to a possibility of only two or three years hence. The natives, it will be seen, play an important part in the plans of the Japanese—presuming that plans actually under this movement—when the time comes the Hawaiians, according to the letter, will be able to cast the balance, unless a great change is wrought in short order. This letter is unusually valuable in that it bears directly upon the proximity of the climax that the Hawaiian government is now striving by all legal means to avoid.

The Submarine Torpedo Boat.

The launching yesterday of the Holland submarine torpedo boat was an event of great importance in naval circles, not alone in America, but throughout the world. It represents another stage in the long struggle between the offensive and defensive systems of naval warfare. The race between guns and armor has been practically ended, for a time at least, by reason of the limits of weight in armor and economy in guns having been apparently reached. Meanwhile there has been developing a mode of attack by means of high explosives carried in the water. To offset this new mode of attack, the navy has been endeavoring to devise a machine that could be made to dive under the nets and thus deliver the fatal blow, but these have not proved reliable, and it has been ascertained that the next step must be the building of a craft that can be manned while under the surface, so that the target may be approached with accuracy, and the torpedo discharged from an advantageous position, that is, beyond the protective range of the nets and out of sight of the guards whose duty it is to repel the attack of surface torpedo boats. The Holland craft promises to be just such a machine, and its trials will be watched with great interest.

The Queen's Jubilee will be an event of tremendous historic importance if it passes without giving rise to some alteration as to precedent or the proprieties in connection with uniforms.

Company at Dotheboy's Hall.

The day it was announced that Mr. Calhoun would go as special commissioner to Cuba, the news was called from Madrid that the Queen Regent had signed the decree of "reforms" for the island and that the ocean mail would at once carry the document to Havana for promulgation. The Star called attention to the play and suggested that it was neat enough in diplomatic design to be the work of Senor de Lome. This heavenly purpose of Spain was to greet Mr. Calhoun when he landed, or soon thereafter, and his first impressions in the island were to be gathered while the air around Havana was vocal with praises of Spanish goodness. That is to say, Mr. Squeers having heard that company was on the way to visit him was setting about putting things in order to deceive them. Dotheboy's Hall was, if possible, to be made presentable, and the miserable inhabitants made for a brief season to look pleasant and contented.

Just exactly that play is in the mind.

Mr. Calhoun has arrived, and the Spaniards are leading for his favorable opinion. This morning an alleged cable from Havana, of date of yesterday, makes these announcements:

The royal decree putting into force the reforms which the government decided on March 15 should be established in the province of Santa Clara, Matanzas, Havana, and Pinar del Rio, arrived from Spain today.

Rejoice, the organ of the autonomists, and all the other dailies, congratulate the Queen Regent on the event, which is coincident with the birthday of Alfonso XIII.

The Marquis Palmerola, the civil governor of Havana, has gone to Pinar del Rio, province of Santa Clara, to confer with Captain General Weyler regarding the pardon for political offenders, which is momentarily expected to be announced from Madrid on the occasion of the eleventh anniversary of the birth of King Alfonso XIII, which occurs today.

Nothing could be sweeter than this. The trouble is all over. General Weyler, and the Marquis Palmerola, and the Marquis Palaver, are all busy looking after the humanities and the comforts of the people.

There is nothing small or mean about Spain. She harbors no resentments. The dear Cubans have but to smooth out their wrinkled fronts, and present themselves obediently, to again be taken joyously to the maternal bosom. Spain "wipes out the old score, and stands treat to the whole village."

But fortunately for Mr. Calhoun, for the Cubans, and for the truth, General Lee knows the normal conditions of Dotheboy's Hall. He is not there in the capacity of young Nickleby, but he has young Nickleby's grit and sense of fair play, and he can tell and doubtless will tell Mr. Calhoun that, as a rule, Dotheboy's Hall under Mr. Squeers is a hell on earth; that the management in the interests of humanity ought to be radically and thoroughly changed, and that the United States ought to attend to the job. And doubtless it will be the Nickleby and not the Squeers story that will reach the President's ears through the medium of his special commissioner. Dotheboy's Hall is doomed.

A Fender and a Faut.

An alleged "fender" on a rapid transit street car failed to work yesterday afternoon in this city and a man was killed. It is the theory that the chances are ten or a hundred to one that the fender in question will safely pick up any solid body that happens to be struck by it, and that in the remaining cases the wheel guard will with absolute certainty prevent the body from passing back to the wheels. There is no question about the matter, say the defenders of this device that is in use on the local street cars. Accidents are impossible with this combination of pick-up fender and impregnable wheel-guard. In view of these assertions, made with emphasis many times in the past whenever the citizens have raised questions as to the practicability of a fender that rides twelve or eighteen inches from the pavement, it would be interesting to know just how yesterday's victim managed to reach the wheels that ground out his life.

An Injustice Corrected.

In some editorial remarks approving the appointment by Governor O'Ferrall of Major J. M. Love to the judgeship of Fairfield and Alexandria counties as in the interests of law and order it appears that The Star inadvertently did injustice to a gentleman of the highest character and who has been distinguished for his earnestness and vigor of his efforts to suppress lawlessness in Alexandria county. We publish therefore with great pleasure communications from Col. Barley and Judge Norton setting forth the facts in the case.

The report that Mr. Roosevelt has not found things nearly so bad at the Brooklyn navy yard as suspicion had indicated will be a sad blow to those who have been taught to look for bomb shells and pyrotechnics whenever that gentleman indulges in an investigation.

It is to be hoped that in any future political struggle General Weyler will not try to pose as a friend of the farmer and point to the manner in which he has raised the price of meat and vegetables in Havana.

The Porte is forced by popular sentiment to assume a somewhat defiant attitude before the powers. This circumstance may enable the Sultan to feel a slight degree of sympathy for King George.

With reference to Hawaii it is to be assumed that Japan will not be seriously scared by any suggestions of high handedness in this country's dealings with Cuban affairs.

A slight boom struck the post office building today, two more men being taken on making a total of one hundred and eighty-nine men at work.

In connection with Cuba the Senate displayed a remarkable and praiseworthy willingness to let the \$30,000 do the talking.

SHOOTING STARS.

Sensitive.

"No," said Willie Washington, "I never patronize a Chinese laundry."

"Race prejudice?"

"Not exactly. I don't like what the proprietor writes on the ticket. I feel as if I were being imposed on, because I can't understand it; and at the same time I suspect that if I could I'd be insulted."

Regret.

"Tis strange, but true, that many men, who feel unworthy capers, first feel remorseful over them when their names get in the papers."

Apprehension.

"I'm afraid," said the verbose statesman, "that President McKinley is making a great mistake."

"In what way?"

"He is drifting into the habit of writing his public documents with a brevity and clearness which enables the entire American public to read and understand them, thereby inviting a great deal of unnecessary comment and criticism."

"I neither 'encourage' or 'man' 'em scatterin' 'is voice aroun' gibbin' good advice," said Uncle Eben. "It may not have any influence in particular, but it keeps him out o' mischief fob de time bein'."

A Vulgar Calculation.

"I am convinced," said the broad-minded man, "that a United States senator's salary is, comparatively speaking, a beggarly pittance."

"Oh, I don't know," replied Senator Borgum. "It depends on how he handles it. A year's salary isn't much if he attempts to live on it. But it makes a very respectable margin in a sugar deal."

Secure.

De kyahlessness am comin'. Dar am somethin' in de breeze.

Dat mean de yer foh dat man were bo'n foh doin' 'is please.

I's put me glasses on de shelf an' laid de paper by.

Case we's gittin' whah I couldn't pay no 'tention o' I'd try.

Hit can't make any diff'nence how dey agufes an' shouts.

When de rose-bush comes a bloomin' in de 'scuttlin' all yoh doubtz.

For dey can't put any tariff, whutsoever am dah powers.

On de brightness o' de sunshine or de sweetness o' de flowers.

I's quit a-spellin' out dem gret long places whah dey shouts.

Jes' why de po' man stays dat way an' whah de money goes.

An I doesn't feel no worry 'bout my lack o' worldly goods.

Es I shets my eyes an' listens ter der music f'm de woods.

Dar ain't no danger in de scheme dat any one employs.

Foh dem es tr'me ter nature foh dah daily needs an' joys.

Dar ain't no sugar trus' kin keep de honey f'm de bee.

Dar ain't no way ter come betwix de sum-mer-time an' me.

Mayer Bros. & Co.

937-939 F St.

11 Fourbourg Potemette, Paris.

Pure Linen Collars, 9c.

—Wednesday only. There's the leader of leaders tomorrow. Ladies' 4-PLY Pure Linen Collars, in the latest styles. Regular 12 1/2c. value for 9c. Watch the rush!

More May Sale Bargains.

—We're feeding the appetite for bargains with the most enticing values during this sale. Each day sees some new sacrifice of more than ordinary worth.

—Solid Short-Sleeved Suits, in all colors, values 80c. For.....29c.

—\$1 Short-Sleeved Panama Suits, in the natural color. Values 60c. to \$3. We show the largest line of Ladies' Trimmed Suits in the city.

—Trimmed Suits, from 25c. to \$3. One special for tomorrow.

—Trimmed Panama Suits that should sell at \$1.49. Special at.....99c.

—We're selling Roses, Berry Follage and Tulle that regularly bring 25c. to 50c. bunch for.....12 1/2c.

The Big Ribbon Purchase.

—Another lot of Ribbons from this wonderful stock will be put on sale tomorrow at a quick-giving price.

—No. 40 All-silk More Ribbons, in all colors, 1/2 in. wide. Worth 25c. yd. For.....15c.

Glorious Glove Value.

—Ladies' White Washable Chamotte Gloves, in all styles. Values 80c. to \$1. For.....89c.

\$1.50 Shirt Waists, 98c.

—We're proud of this line of Shirt Waists. The wonderful values—the choice designs—charming neckties that represent the very best production of the reputable maker. You'll see Shirt Waists something like them, but you'll notice their prices are from \$1.50 to \$2.00. Special at.....98c.

Linen Suits.

—We're starting the season off well by offering our Crash Linen and Blue and White Duck Suits, plain and embroidered, in 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 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